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1. FOLLOWING ARE TOPIC LIKELY TO ARISE IN SENATOR KENNEDY'S TALKS WITH PRESIDENT TITO OR OTHER HIGH-LEVEL YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS.

(A) ITALIAN-YUGOSLAV BORDER DISPUTE, DARK IMAGE MANUEVERS, AND US SHIP VISITS TO TRIESTE: YUGOSLAVS MAY REPEAT CHARGES THAT ITALIANS HAVE LAID CLAIM TO SOVEREIGN YUGOSLAV TERRITORY AND CHARACTERIZE MANEUVERS AND SHIP VISITS AS US SUPPORT OF ITALIAN ACTIONS. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT YUGOSLAVS WILL WNAT TO MAKE THIS A MAJOR ISSUE IN DIALOGUE WITH SENATOR. IN ANY CASE SENATOR WILL BE ON FIRMEST GROUND BY STANDING ON US STATEMENT ON OCCASION OF 1954 SIGNING OF LONDON AGREEMENT (STATE 64938).

(B) SPECIAL UNGA: YUGOSLAVS ARE LIKELY TO EMPHASIZE HOPES THAT CURRENT SPECIAL GA WILL BRING WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT ON STEPS TO REORGANIZE WORLD'S ECONOMY SO AS TO NARROW DEVELOPED-DEVELOPING GAP. SUGGEST SENATOR PORTRAY US APPROACH AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND INTERESTED, ADDING OF COURSE, THAT US WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE ONGOING PLANS FOR ATTACKING PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT IN ANY WAY DISRUPTED
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(C) NONALIGNMENT: IN DESCRIBING NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICIES, GOY SPOKESMEN ARE LIKELY TO STRESS THAT NON-ALIGNMENT, AS YUGOSLAVS SEE IT, IS NOT "ANTI-AMERICAN". SUGGEST SENATOR RESPOND THAT WE RESPECT YUGOSLAVIA'S NONALIGNMENT POLICY (STRESSING OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT YUGOSLAVIA EXPRESSED IN 1971 TITO-NIXON STATEMENT), WE RECOGNIZE THERE WILL BE INSTANCES WHERE WE VIEW THINGS DIFFERENTLY, BUT WE FEEL STRONGLY EACH SIDE SHOULD BE SENSITIVE TO OTHER'S VITAL INTERESTS IN STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS. BOTH SIDES SHOULD AVOID INFLAMATORY RHETORIC.

(D) MIDDLE EAST: TITO MAY ASK FOR SENATOR'S VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS. IF HE FOLLOWS USUAL FORM TITO WILL REFLECT PESSIMISM AND ALSO ARGUE THAT BIG POWERS CANNOT THEMSELVES RESOLVE PROBLEM, BUT BROAD INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION NECESSARY.

(E) US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS: YUGOSLAVS MAY SEEK SENATOR'S ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS WITHIN ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, KENNEDY'S STATEMENTS IN BONN ON SUBJECT WERE PICKED UP IN PRESS HERE.

(F) US-SOVIET RELATIONS: SENATOR MAY BE ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON FUTURE COURSE OF DETENTE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO INFLUENCE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS AND OTHER DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS.

(G) YUGOSLAVS ARE LIKELY TO TEEL SENATOR THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH US ARE VERY GOOD. THEY MAY, HOWEVER, EXPRESS CONCERN THAT RECENT OCCURRENCES SIGNAL PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY IN RELATIONSHIP: I.E., TEMPORARY SUSPENSION LAST MONTH IN PROCESSING OF EXIM CREDITS, WHILE LEGAL ISSUE OF PROPER METHOD FOR NATIONAL INTEREST DETERMINATION WAS BEING RECONSIDERED WITHIN USG. YUGOSLAVS WERE UNHAPPY ABOUT SUDDENNESS OF DECISION TO SUSPEND, WHICH INTERFERED WITH ONGOING PROJECTS, AND ABOUT LUMPING YUGOSLAVIA WITH SOVIET BLOC IN US CREDITY POLICY. THEY ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT SIGNS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE LIMITATIONS ON EX-IM BANK LENDING HERE.
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IF SUCH CONCERNS ARE EXPRESSED, SENATOR KENNEDY MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT - WHILE UNDER US SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IT IS NEVER POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE AGAINST CHANGES IN LEGISLATION AND LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS - THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR CONFIDENCE IN A CONTINUED POSITIVE USG ATTITUDE TWOARD DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA. SENATOR SHOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE FULL BRIEFING ON FAVORABLE RECENT DEVELOP-MENTS IN OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS (E.G, TRADE INCREASE,

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KRSKO, JOINT VENTURES, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE).

(H) CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES: THE SENATOR MAY WISH TO ASK WHY THEY ARE NECESSARY AND HOW THEY WILL RESULT IN A STRENGTHENED YUGOSLAVIA.
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